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SUMMARY: NORTH VIETNAM'S RECENTLY-APPOINTED AMBASSADOR TO INDONESIA, NGUYEN HOA, HAS ASSUMED HIS NEW DUTIES, FILLING A POSITION LEFT VACANT SINCE LATE 1969. AMBASSADOR HOA PRESENTED HIS CREDENTIALS TO PRESIDENT SUHARTO SEPTEMBER 15 AT A CEREMONY AT MERDEKA PALACE AT WHICH SUHARTO SAID INDONESIA SEEKS A GENUINE, NOT AN ILLUSORY PEACE IN VIETNAM. FOLLOWING BASED ON JAKARTA PRESS REPORTS. END SUMMARY

1. IN BRIEF PREPARED REMARKS DELIVERED AT CREDENTIALS CEREMONY, SUHARTO NOTED MANY SIMILARITIES BETWEEN INDONESIA AND NORTH VIETNAM, INCLUDING THEIR STRUGGLES FOR INDEPENDENCE AND NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY. THESE SIMILARITIES, HE SAID, PROVIDED "A BASIS FOR GIVING TANGIBLE CONTENT" TO FRIENDLY
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RELATIONS EXISTING BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES.

2. REFERRING TO PROSPECTS FOR PEACE IN SOUTHEAST ASIA, SUHARTO SAID INDONESIA SEEKS A GENUINE, NOT AN ILLUSORY PEACE SO THAT THE PEOPLES OF THE AREA CAN ACHIEVE "A FREE LIFE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THEIR OWN IDENTITIES, AND A FUTURE BASED ON THE IDEALS AND MEANS WHICH THEY CHOOSE THEMSELVES."

3. THE PRESIDENT SAID THAT IN ORDER TO HELP ACHIEVE SUCH A PEACE, INDONESIA TOOK PART IN THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON VIETNAM, AND IS NOW A MEMBER OF THE ICCS.

4. IN HIS REPLY AMBASSADOR HOA DESCRIBED THE PEACE IN VIETNAM AS "A GREAT VICTORY IN THE HISTORY OF THE PEOPLE OF VIETNAM AGAINST FOREIGN AGGRESSION". HE EXPRESSED HOPE THAT INDONESIA, AS A PARTY TO THE PEACE ACCORDS AND MEMBERS OF THE ICCS "WOULD MAKE A POSITIVE CONTRIBUTION TO THE JUST IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AGREEMENT."

5. FOREIGN MINISTER MALIK, SPEAKING TO THE PRESS AFTER THE CEREMONY, SAID HANOI'S APPOINTMENT OF A NEW AMBASSADOR TO INDONESIA INDICATED THE "NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS" BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES AND WOULD ENABLE INDONESIA TO PERFORM MORE EFFECTIVELY IN THE ICCS.

6. NORTH VIETNAM'S PREVIOUS AMBASSADOR TO INDONESIA, PHAM BINH, LEFT JAKARTA IN NOVEMBER 1969, ALTHOUGH HE WAS NOT OFFICIALLY WITHDRAWN UNTIL AUGUST 1972. DURING THE PERIOD PRIOR TO NGUYEN HOA'S RECENT APPOINTMENT AS AMBASSADOR, THE DRV EMBASSY WAS REPRESENTED BY CHARGE DO NGOC DUONG.

7. SEE REF MIL FOR BIO DATA ON NGUYEN HOA.
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